

II. REMARKS

In this Office Action, claims 5-19 are noted as pending, claims 6, 8, 9 and 14-17 are noted as allowable, and claims 5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19 are rejected.

In this Response, all rejected claims are canceled and the allowable claims are put into independent form, where necessary, to put all of claims 6, 8, 9 and 14-17 into condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, there should be no outstanding rejections/objections, and it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

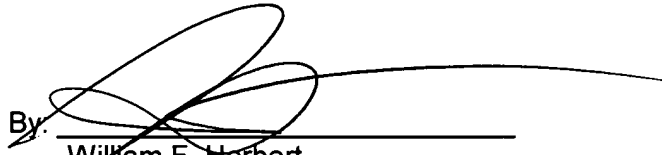
If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

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